

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

Date: August 8, 2006

Time: 10:05 a.m.

Location: Millennium Maxwell House Nashville
2025 Metro Center Blvd.
Nashville, TN 37228

Members Present: Dr. Melinda Richards, Speech Pathologist, Board Chair
Dr. Brian Burkey, Physician
Dr. Herbert J. Gould, Audiologist
Dr. Sandra Newsom, Speech Pathologist
Ms. Robbie Bell, Ex Officio, Director

Members Absent: Ms. Rochelle Kirby, Consumer
Dr. Mary Fino-Szumski, Audiologist
Dr. William W. Dickinson, Audiologist

Staff Present: Ms. Bonnie Ferrell, Board Administrator
Ms. Juanita Presley, Advisory Attorney
Ms. Marva Swann, Unit Director
Mr. Jerry Kosten, Rules Coordinator
Ms. Lisa Tittle, Administrative Service Manager

Visitors Present: Mr. John Williams, Lobbyist

A quorum being present, the Board meeting was called to order by Dr. Melinda Richards 10:25a.m.

Office of General Counsel:

Ms. Juanita Presley, reminded the Board members of their responsibilities under the conflict of interest policy.

Ms. Presley reviewed the travel requirements with the Board.

Ms. Presley presented the Office of General Counsel Report and the status of the following rules:

Rules:

1370-1-.05, Criminal background checks, became effective 5/31/06.

1370-2-.08, .12, .19, .20, regarding exam equipment, C.E. requirements for retired license, screening panels, advertising are effective 9/23/06.

1370-1-.01 .03, .06 .08 thru .16, .19, .20 regarding SLPA's advertisement, screening panels, titles and housekeeping matters were referred to the Attorney General's Office for review on 3/28/06, and is pending referral to the Secretary of State's Office.

Rules 1370-2-.05, .06, .09, .15, regarding refundable fees, stays, delete photo, bills of sale at renewal and informal settlements are set for public hearing on 8/17/06.

Ms. Presley passed out her advisory opinion on what "non-medical" in our statutes entails. It states that the performance of endoscope is a medical procedure in accordance with the medical and surgery statute in Tennessee, and T.C.A. 63-17-103 (5) restricts the practice of speech language pathology to the performance of non-medical procedures, methods, etc.. Speech Language Pathologists do not have legal authority to perform endoscopes. She consulted with Amy Hasselkus, M.A., CCC-SLP, Associate Director, Health Care Services, at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) regarding ASHA's position on the use of endoscopes in the practice of speech language pathology. Ms. Hasselkus advised it is the position of ASHA that the use of endoscopes is in the scope of practice of speech language pathology, if authorized by state law and board approved licensure rules in the state where one practices. However, at this point in time only two (2) or three (3) states allow SLPs to perform the procedure, and only when a physician is in attendance. Usually, it is the physician who performs the procedure with the SLP observing, and the results of the evaluation are then used by the SLP and physician or treatment team in determining the patient's treatment plan. Ms. Presley stated that any SLP that is doing endoscopes should stop.

Ms. Presley said she would write a letter regarding endoscopes and e-mail it to Dr. Richards. There may be a need for a mass mailing of this letter to all active Speech Pathologists. It may also need to go to the Medical Board for a mass mailing.

Dr. Richards, Dr. Brian Burkey, and Dr. Sandra Newsom requested that we need to amend our rules by adding safeguards regarding endoscopes. They also would like to have an article regarding endoscopes in the Boards next newsletter.

Financial Report:

Ms. Lisa Tittle discussed the financial report with the Board. The Board inquired about offering grants of three (3) to five (5) thousand dollars. Ms. Tittle informed the Board that she would need specific information as to who, the amount, and the purpose of such grants.

Legislation:

Mr. Jerry Kosten informed the Board that five (5) Bills have been signed by the Governor. Two were of concern to this Board. One was regarding awarding grants for a variety of purposes. The other one was in regards to adding more liability to protect health care workers that provide service during an emergency or disaster.

Mr. Kosten is working on a letter and a return postcard for a mass mailing to comply with a new rule that requires a written request to make a professional's home address, instead of their office address, available to the public.

Mr. John Williams, Lobbyist, addressed the Board regarding insurance. Insurance companies must provide insurance for children with autism, ages twelve (12) thru twenty one (21). The insurance is to cover all five (5) spectrums of autism. He stated that this is on the books and will become effective when the new policy is presented.

Minutes:

After reviewing the minutes from the May 2, 2006, Board meeting, Dr. Newsom made a motion to accept them as written. Dr. Burkey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

After review and discussion of the minutes of the March 9, 2006, Council for Licensing Hearing Instrument Specialists meeting; Dr. Burkey made a motion to accept them as written. Dr. Newsom seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Disciplinary Report:

Ms. Marva Swann informed the Board that there were no licensees being monitored at this time.

Investigative Report:

Ms. Swann reported that there were three open cases to report at this time.

Administrator's Report:

Ms. Ferrell informed the Board that the move to Metro Center went well and that the conference rooms should be completed by November, 2006.

She stated that it was taking longer to approve licensees due to having to wait on the criminal background check, but hopefully the process would get faster in the near future.

Review File:

The Board reviewed the file of Jeanne Siler Lilly, #64; whose Tennessee license as an audiologist went into failed to renew January 31, 1984. The case being her license was in failed to renew over five (5) years she was required to reapply. Ms. Lilly submitted a new application and all the documentation required; she also submitted continuing education she had completed in other states which was not required. The Board found the continuing education acceptable; and Dr. Burkey made a motion to approve Ms. Lilly for licensure. Dr. Newsom seconded the motion; and the motion carried.

Ms. Ferrell requested that the Board think about changing our rules regarding reapplying and reinstating. If a licensee has their license in voluntary retirement for five (5) years or more they are required to submit continuing education for every year it was in retirement along with their reinstatement. If a licensee allows their license to go into failed to renew status for five (5) years or more they are required to reapply. They are not required to

submit continuing education for the years it was in failed to renew status. This seems unfair. We are requiring more from the licensees that take the proper step and retire their license then we require from the licensees that let their license go into failed to renew status. She suggested that both retired and failed to renew be required to submit continuing education for every year their license was inactive. This will insure that the licensee is up to date on any changes that have occurred within the years their license was inactive and will help protect the public. The Board agreed and these changes will be made in the near future.

Ratification:

A motion was made by Dr. Newsom to grant licenses to all of the following licensees that Ms. Ferrell had initially approved. Dr. Burkey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ratification List for August 8, 2006

SPEECH

1. Anderson, Stacy A. – 3271
2. Balderson, Jessica E. – 3278
3. Baker, Suzzanne Helen - 3179
4. Beeler, Julie D. – 3254
5. Bonnett, Mary Margaret - 3471
6. Bright, Krista Shaye - 3330
7. Bruce, Curly B. – 3265
8. Burnett, Sara Elizabeth – 3348
9. Burris, Elizabeth Anne - 3441
10. Canovan, Brooke L. - 3284
11. Carroll, Tasia Wright – 3447
12. Churchwell, Kristi Leigh - 3479
13. Crouse, Carrie B. – 3431
14. Davidson, Melanie LeAnne - 3285
15. Davies, Paulette Y. – 3255
16. Eastland, Lindsey M. – 3312
17. Franklin, Jennifer B. – 3262
18. Fuller, Lesa Monette – 3483
19. Gibson, Katherine L. – 3317
20. Goins, Terri Ann – 3501
21. Grant, Ashley Marie - 3506
22. Hall, Eugene J. – 3374
23. Heath, Holly – 3325
24. Hood, Ashley P. - 3299
25. Jacobus, Jessica Levice - 3482
26. Joseph, Kate Elizabeth – 3253
27. King, Allison - 3488
28. Klein, Kimberly Anne – 3455
29. Krochak-Ouellette, Katrina Marie – 3451
30. Kuykendell, Susan R. - 3294
31. Lamply, Christy M. – 3355
32. Love, Andela A. - 3272
33. Melton, Amy Renee – 3069
34. Merrell, Kelly M. – 3283
35. Myers, Mandala Brooke – 3329
36. Nickels, Julie Marie - 3443
37. Noss, Emily C. – 3322

38. Parks, Amy Michelle – 3454
39. Pemberton, Sandra L. - 3339
40. Reed, Chantelle Renee – 3472
41. Saey, Allison White – 3260
42. Settles, ANN Whitney - 3286
43. Standridge, Alexandria Marie – 3276
44. Stanton, Amy Laurice – 3460
45. Steele, Kristi Ann - 2729
46. Stone, Amy - 3361
47. Towns, Heather Evelyn – 3453
48. Upton, Sarah Elaine – 3305
49. Van Haven, Kelly Jean - 3473
50. Walker, Dorthy Mae – 3449
51. Walker-English, Kimberly - 2909
52. Womack, Angela M. - 3289

AUDIO

1. Griffeth, Laura Anne - 1466
2. Jones, Allison D. - 1460

SPEECH RECIPROCITY

1. Bryan, Emily Elizabeth – 3509 - NC
2. Eller, Christy H. – 3456 –MA, LA, CA
3. Fontenot, Deborah L. – 3477 –LA, FL
4. Fortunis, Tiffany Lynn – 3450 –FL
5. Gaines, Alisha Y. – 3474 – GA, TN
6. Karow, Colleen Marie – 3463 – TX, RI, GA
7. McQuay, Ashley Michelle – 3478 – AR
8. Mintz, Barbara L. – 3445 – ME
9. Price, Stephanie Nicole – 3485 - MD
10. Terranella, Naomi Karen – 3461 - CA

AUDIO RECIPROCITY

1. Cresci, Kristin M. – 1453
2. Rubke, Marilou Gerhardt – 1464 - IN

SPEECH REINSTATEMENTS

1. Bowers, Jennifer Leigh – 2885
2. Jones, Yolanda R. – 2756
3. Kelly, Britany Cobb - 2114
4. Kostmayer, Katherine Key – 3063
5. Oreolt, Mary Lou - 2068
6. Seyb, Kathrine A. - 2886

AUDIO REINSTATEMENTS

1. Anderson, Rachel Lee - 1247
2. Cutler, Gina Michelle - 277
3. Kirby, Wayne H. – 49
4. Steel, William F. - 1050
5. Thompson, Tamara H. - 1175

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Dr. Newsom made the motion to adjourn. Dr. Burkey seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Dr. Melinda Richards, Board Chair

Date